# Management Systems & Workers Compensation Best Practices

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#### The Business of HSE

## More than meeting legal requirements

- Improve efficiency
- Manage change
- Meet customer requirements and gain competitive advantage
- Protect brand image, relationship with public and employees

# Saving money by superior HSE performance

- Productivity: don't hurt your people
- Resource conservation: use less of it
- Process optimization: use it better
- Reuse and recycle: don't throw it away
- Natural resource stewardship & sustainable development
- Control legacy costs
- Compliance: cost of enforcement

# **The Traditional Way**

- HSE viewed as non-operational and not core business issues
- Primarily reactive
  - Auditing: tells you what happened in the past
  - "Fire fighting": respond after it happens
- Enforcement-Driven
  - Everything Is OK If There Is No Enforcement
  - Performance Measured By Whether Your Are Caught

# The Systems Way

- Apply good business management practices to HSE
  - Know your HSE issues & requirements
  - Set measurable objectives
  - Meet them using defined controls and procedures
  - Measure performance
- Integrate HSE management into operations: Their issues, their job.
- Do it right the first time
  - Build performance in rather than try to audit it in
  - People should know how to do their job so that they can consistently do the right thing at the right time

# Impact of a Safety Management System

- A site which has an effective HSE-MS will have a higher degree of confidence that compliance exists at any point in time.
- They will recognize program areas needing attention at an early stage and they are geared toward continuous improvement.
- The maturity of that system determines it's effectiveness.

### **Controlling WC Cost**

- \* An Effective Safety Process
- \* Proactive Claims Management
  - \* Medical Cost-Containment
  - Active Litigation Of Fraudulent Claims
  - \* Aggressive Negotiation Of Disability Payments
  - \* Return-To-Work Programs

Worker's Compensation Is A Serious Business Issue That Requires Aggressive Management

#### **WC Best Practices**

- Establish a Workers' Compensation Policy
- Provide alternative work to assist employees in returning to their regular job
- Provide employees with <u>quality medical care</u> Ensure they receive consistent/expedient medical treatment
- Maintain a work environment that demonstrates concern/respect for the care of the injured/ill employee
- Inform employees of their <u>WC rights/responsibilities</u>, explain benefits, explain how costs are charged back to the business.

#### **WC Best Practices**

- Promptly report and process all incidents to assure early intervention, quality medical care and a timely return to work
- Plant Manager designates a <u>WC Coordinator</u> who is responsible/accountable for managing the WC process
- Members of the <u>WC Team</u> include Plant Management, Medical, WC Coordinator, Claims Administrators - Each has specific roles/responsibilities

A Successful Worker's Compensation Program Requires Teamwork

# Changing the Mindset

#### Sites that don't get it

- Denial regarding performance
- Blaming others ... lack of ownership
- Not driving change to improve performance
- Resting on laurels
- \* Lack of candor
- \* We're "different mentality"
- \* Isolationist attitude
- Sugar Coating and positive spinning
- \* "Not Invented Here" Syndrome
- Don't challenge assumptions

#### Sites that get it!

- Leaders actively engaged in risk assessment and risk management
- \* Focused on period over period performance improvement and have a plan to get there....
- Teams implementing HSE Management System (HSEMS)
- Regular HSE inspections performed
- Deep understanding of hazards, risks, controls
- Know "Root Cause" of Problems /
   Develop Detailed Corrective Actions
- \* Training needs identified and fulfilled
- Regulatory obligations known

#### **Conclusions**

- The business is run with management systems: that is what managers do
- Management systems are the path to integrating HSE performance into business operations
- HSE management systems are necessary to achieve consistent and sustained excellent performance
- Stakeholders(employees, communities, customers, shareholders and regulators), demand systematic excellence
- It can be done: Using existing management and HSE systems and widely accepted management systems criteria

